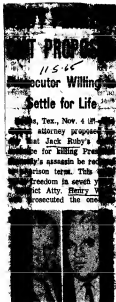


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Ruby (left) and Wade
night club operator, said he has
been authorized to recommend a
sentence of life in prison.
Wade said the defense wants
instead on a five-year sentence.

Ruby's Verdict Was "Death"
There is no way a convict
can be kept behind bars for
his life provided he has
no prior prison record.

A convict can apply for pa-
role in 15 years or after serv-
ing a third of his sentence,
whichever is less.

Good conduct, appointment
as a trusty, and donating blood
can reduce the 15-year maxi-
mum for parole application to
as few as seven years.

A jury assessed a sentence of
death in the electric chair
against Ruby for killing Lee
Harvey Oswald two days after
Oswald assassinated Kennedy
in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Execution has been delayed
by numerous complex appeals.

One Wants New Trial

Wade said, "One of their at-
torneys—Mr. Sol Dann of De-
troit—wants to hold out for a
five-year sentence.

"We do not feel this would be
a proper punishment. The pun-
ishment should be at least life
imprisonment."

Another Ruby lawyer, Phil
Burison of Dallas, indicated
the defense is not interested in
an agreement with the district
attorney because, he says,
there are enough errors in the
current trial for Ruby to re-
ceive another trial.

The district attorney said the
responsibility for asking a com-

ment to the court remains
rests with the defense.

The request would be made
to the Texas board of pardons
and paroles. The board would
make a recommendation to
Gov. John Connally, himself
wounded by Oswald.

"If they (Ruby's lawyers) ap-
ply for a life sentence, we would
join with them in recom-
mending a life sentence," Wade
said. He said that under those cir-
cumstances "there would be an
excellent chance" that a life
term would be granted.

Comment by Judge

"There are still a lot of unan-
swered questions," said Wade.
"There is an advantage to
keeping Ruby alive for inter-
views and historical purposes."

District Judge Joe B. Brown
Sr., who presided at the trial,
said some time ago that he be-
lieves Ruby will not be exe-
cuted.

"After all," Brown said, "we
are talking about the man who
killed the man who killed Pres-
ident Kennedy."

Ruby has remained in the
Dallas county jail since he shot
Oswald Nov. 24, 1963, in a base-
ment corridor of City hall on a
routine jail transfer. He had
made brief trips to a psychia-
trist and a few court appear-
ances.

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